FAULK AT HIS FINEST - Meet Uncensored Humorist John Henry Faulk (1985)

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Austin's beloved folk humorist tells tales from his new book The Uncensored John Henry Faulk. The stories, which range from childhood recollections of life on a South Austin farm to commentary on political figures, embody a populist, egalitarian spirit. Some of these stories are from Faulk's well-known one-man show Pear Orchard USA. Through the use of these folk characters, Faulk is able to make political commentary which is palatable even to people who might disagree with the message, such as the anti-Nixon stories which he has used before audiences of businessmen. The last section of the program is a Faulk mini-retrospective, featuring clips of the humorist's past appearances on Alternative Views.

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at courthouse been sitting there now since 1910 Papa help bill they had Papa which one the Corazon I say 1910 I could have been 1912 right you were Marvin honey quit staring down the barrel of that shotgun you go blow your head off in your mama where you at young man and I quoted the black minister who who the Sunday before it said go down Angel consume the flood snuff out the Sun and turn the moon to blood go down angel and close the door times have been shamed be no more and Dobey search where is that man I said he's not at that little church friendly with Baptist Church in South Austin he said will you take me to hear him and from that that was in 1935 from then on Dobie took a very active interest and encouraged me and that's how I came to write my thesis 10 Negro sermon and I'd been known as tricky dicky for 20 years and yet you gave me a overwhelming mandate now you picked me up off a running a red light called Watergate for God's sakes Texas beloved folk humorous John Henry spend some yarned provides some political commentary wrapped in his usual insightful warm wit tonight on alternative views

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those of us in Austin and most all of us in Texas know John Henry Faulk loved him dearly and we know him as a folk humorist and as a civil libertarian who fought against Joe McCarthy and the blacklisting the back in the 50s and we know him as a media figure on radio television author of books and we know him also as a great communicator he's he Mabel to to convert some redneck sometimes to the progressive way of thinking that's a no easy task he's written two books fear on trial about his experiences during the McCarthy era and now as they knew him uncensored John Henry Faulk and if you want to spend an evening just laughing your guts out and thinking at the same time well this is the book for you because it has so many of the great things that we know that the John Henry fog we've heard him and seen him do well it's in prison I'll and you can and you there's one thing in there I learned about Johnny I didn't know that he was a scholar John Henry you were a scholar back in the University of Texas has profound scholar a man of infinite wisdom and scholarship always escape me wide margin you did me that's very kind of you just say I want to correct something if I might and there's a terrible way to start a program off of them there's no convert I've even converted

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there's no convert I've even converted rednecks you see in my and my way of thinking there are no rednecks per se and in an ordinary sense of what we think of rednecks there are rednecks I know that are Phi Beta Kappas and ph d--'s at the University of Texas I know some rednecks on and belongs to the president's cabinet in fact far as I'm concerned the presidents are redneck at times if my redneck you're referring to people who are uninformed on the issues and or have a very backward and punitive attitude to or those more positive aspects of our society I didn't mean to correct you but I just it ain't converting rednecks that I've I've ever engaged in what I've tried to do always this is communicate some of the joys being alive to people and if by that process I somehow get some folks thinking that way then that's more the more the good fortune of mine hold that your book up there so you get a good shot and I'll be glad to let me hold it I know it's it's a vicious book and way because not only do you read it and you can't put it down like to say but then you reread it you reread and you spend so much time with so many great things in there about humor and folk humor and I'd like to talk with you about this Craig Hattersley and I in your book they talk about the difference of that a folk humorist is compared to other types a comedian or calm a yes what what is the difference well I think the reason they they refer to me as a folk humorist is that very early in life I out in South Austin Texas here in Travis County I evolved a way of looking at the world that came kind of natural to me came from my parents really and from my neighbors who mostly were folk folk they were my mother for instance when I was a

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were my mother for instance when I was a little boy I used to say you know I wouldn't take a million dollars for Johnny but I wouldn't give you a dime for a dozen more just like this this gentle put-down you know I

would oh I love to buy Johnny for what he's worth and sell it for what he thinks he's worth this this way of looking at life and and gently you know nudging you back into your when you got too big for your britches came naturally to me and I learned very early in life to have to laugh at myself it was a kind of a defensive mechanism I was raised out in South Austin in a very ordinary Texas household my father was a lawyer but he fancied himself a farmer too so we were raised on a farm we had cows to milk we had a family a black family that lived on our place and looked after the heavy work for us and Daddy did his lawyer in over in Austin he was quite a performer himself influenced you and you yes he had a very keen sense of satire and he was born raised a sharecropper and he had the earth he had that wonderful sense of the Texas earth and the humor you see that derived actually from the origins of our society this is what very few people realized that's why Mark Twain was such a master of it in the 19th century saw it come to such full bloom with just Billings and Bill Nye and others this this use of folk imagery and folk situations to puncture pomposity and humbug we were born into a society the first self-governing Society on the face of the earth in modern times you know very few people realize this very few people realize that the people

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very few people realize that the people are sovereign and the government is servant in our society but that is basically what those gentlemen 200 years ago set up the people would be the masters and the government would be the servant this is a powerful there's something very powerful and those birds in Washington forget this see and the ones in Austin forget it and so it one of the ways we managed a hundred years ago unfortunately is still kind of hang on there's still a residue of it I'd like to think that I'm a practitioner of this as you keep them in line by said hey you are hired hand Ronny you work for me I don't work for you you asked for this job you and that birds you got a pair as your vice president a bush yo came in said you know how to drive a so American bus that you all had the the blueprint to have road to prosperity of peace and happiness you get off you drive bus off in the short short rolls and start bouncing daylights out of me and my wife and children and scaring the daylights out of the old folks and we tap you on show and say run and get back up on the highway where he said she's going to drive take us that peace and prosperity all this war mongering you're doing around the world willing to kick the daylights out anybody don't agree with you is entire like and you start driving away we want you drunk well you use the cutting that's not grass quite frequent vehicle or is a medium for robbing a political humor evolved cousin ed snart grace to pretty much embody the a point of view that's very prevalent in this country a point of view that after all elected Ronald Reagan president and supports him a point of view present headfirst instead of the day said Johnny there's three great truths in this world number one and I fight for any one of them Johnny the first one is that Ronald Reagan's the greatest president knew

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Reagan's the greatest president knew nine states had ever had and the second one is Jesse Helms the greatest statesman this country has ever known and the third denier the Earth's a flat surface well this this is the way I come at those two gentlemen and on the hey I let cousin had Snodgrass do it cutting edge eighty-six years over he's been mad for eighty of them it was six years old when his mom and daddy told him South that lost the Civil War and he's been pouting about it ever since got a big sign on his fireplace Yankee beware robert e lee might have surrendered but i ain't and he embodies most of the philosophy and thoughts outrage that people clear with the you had from a particular political point of view you used as cutting that's not grass real well to roast oh richard nixon over and the in the Watergate situation in your book you have one about cousin that's saying that Nixon ought to get a cease and desist order you remember yes you know that that became a very effective piece that I used before bankers groups and you know conservative groups that I spoke before I'd say now I'm not this is after dick got run out of office you know you know it was history-making for a president to behave a practicing criminal to be driven out of office the highest office in the land and his vice president Oh Spiro Agnew was driven out to you know for being a crook been outright crook and Richard Nixon for being a being not only alive but uh but a double died liar you know and a man that committed felony a felony you know swore to false facts to betray the American people for such an

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the American people for such an outrageous thing that after he kicked out you know his stock had sunk pretty low and all these people that were rejoicing in him in 1974 or in 1972 when he'd run for election were cooled off considerable so I I evolved this piece because the pheasant had Snodgrass comes roaring over to my house and says Johnny you know if I Pritchard Nixon is after he took off for San Simeon see but left office Gerald Ford becomes if I see our dick Nixon I get me I'd go down down to the Capitol and hire the best lawyer I could get a hold of a Jim cracking low your nod fly them rascal I'd swear anniver and get a cease and desist order and habeas corpus and all such he said and I would have her ass polish my name is Richard Nixon better known as tricky Dicky when I run in 1972 I run not as a stranger but it's one of the best known men in the new 9-inch States of America and I'd been known as tricky dicky for 20 years and yet you gave me a overwhelming mandate and he did get under women when I run in 1968 I said I would in the war in Vietnam had a secret plan for it and four years later I'd spread it all over the map of Southeast Asia kill more people and done more bombing than had been dead before and yet in 1972 after all of that you gave me a mandate I'd go down the list

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gave me a mandate I'd go down the list about ten now you pick me up off a running a red light called Watergate for God's sakes look at my face you say I'm a crook you say it can't you can't believe me listen America you'd better look in the mirror and see your own face I've just been doing it the way you wanted it done that so I'm a reflection of you you could set an audience tear it it's hair you know but everyone I'm ignoring for him though I knew everything he was saying was absolutely true there after that you wrote a piece and this is a some kind of precedence I think because it was in 73 74 he wrote a piece about Ronald Reagan why he was the perfect esident it was prophetic watch it again yeah I couldn't it's not grace comes roaring over to my house that morning and dick had been kicked out of office you know or was fixing to be he hadn't hadn't been kicked out I believe when I wrote that piece son dad said don't worry we've got the perfect candidate oh we got the man to replace dick and we'll still be and we'll still be in the White House we got it made now and I say cousin there does that do you mean John Connally who had just been converted to a Republican hadn't been indicted at that time and he's a now sure don't mean John Connelly he done got in trouble no sure I mean the man that nobody can put a hand down he's a trained actor he ain't got much his name is Ronnie Reagan from California and I said all Ronald Reagan Governor of California he hadn't got a chance in the world great goodness Lobby nothing but a movie actor he said that's the whole point he's a movie actor he don't say nothing he never has said nothing that nobody could remember so much as five minutes but he's just the perfect person to

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but he's just the perfect person to replace dick Nixon as cousinly it's not great I think you also made a point that story that all the other presents that had have been actors but they just were amateurs yeah now we're going to get a professor that's right oh it's wonderful it's wonderful you cost it cost me a lot of sleep last night after I read them and I had to read them again and to a friend of mine and then keep going that's a pleasure to hear because you know when I got this thing together it consists of a lot of the pieces that I've written in the past and lot of them that I did have done verbally but have never brought with satires as I did on that pair Archer USA where I take the about nine characters nine different characters but I never had written them out and apparently at work because I got a letter today from Tris coughing up in Washington DC and he said he and his wife had been reading them out loud to one another which I found terribly flattering and it's real nice they bring the characters to life the dialects that you get into the dialects are perfect you can just imagine somebody saying them by reading them in that nice a lot of research on this and your master's thesis at the University of Texas which under under Adobe was about what 10 black certainly grosser most yes this was just think this was 45 years ago that I did no more than that 40 almost a half-century ago I'd been studying with Dobie I'd come to admire him a great deal and in fact he was an inspiration to me it's a great man J

Frank Dobie for those of you that don't know was a professor at the University of Texas but he was also a writer and a folklorist and one of the first persons who turned my eyes in Alan Lomax who was a boy raised in Austin whose father was a

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raised in Austin whose father was a great folk law restricted cowboy song they turned my eyes back toward Texas and our own culture and what we had created here but the people of Texas black and brown and white had created here not not the names that are known and recorded but the names that have never been heard but the poetry and music and the and the lovely lovely folk stories and songs that they'd created I got very excited over it and I realized we were a cultured people we didn't have to go to the Ivy League colleges to get our culture that we had a culture it was a different kind of culture but a rich rich and so fulfilling one and that turned me in turn toward the black community that Austin at that time we had a black family living on our place and there were a great number of blacks in Austin then but it was a segregated segregated by law then and that they it was understood that blacks were to keep their places but as a little boy I had gone to their churches with my black friends and heard their singing and knew there was something unusual about it when I got up into Toby's class and Bobby had been collecting folklore from from his Mexican Vaqueros the Cowboys the Mexican Cowboys down south Tex the songs and their stories and emphasized the importance of this there's a look at the real texture of your society this is where it is in those folk stories and in those songs I got to tell them about these some of the black friends that I had and particularly the black ministers you see most of them were worked farmers they lived on farms and many of them were almost completely illiterate or just barely literate but all of them had this gift of great folk imagery and and to evoke almost a milk tonic image as they

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evoke almost a milk tonic image as they preached because the only great literature they had ever encountered was the Holy Bible and they took it and rolled their own story and their own hardships into it and they knew all the characters of the Bible they were personal friend with little David no man Goliath and old Daniel were wandering around there and the wild lions been and and I knew there was something magnificent about it and so I went to Dobie and told him about this black friend Dobie was a man of prejudice by the way he was very prejudiced about blacks and about Mexicans a they were where they were because that's where they belonged in the order of things in history he didn't challenge the segregation or didn't challenge the any of the racist and justices that existed and were taken for granted then but any rate I got telling about this black Minister and he said and and I quoted the black minister who who was a Sunday before it said go down angel consume the flood snuff out the Sun and turn the moon to blood go down angel and close the dope times have been shamed be no more and Dobie said where is that man I said he's at that little church friendly with a Baptist Church in South Austin he said will you take me to hear him and from that that was in 1935 from then on Dobie took a very active interest and encouraged me and that's how I came to write my thesis 10 Negro sermons the word Negro was way of desert if you were progressive and enlightened what he designated our black citizens then otherwise you called them colored or - very patronizing words you see but I wrote these sermons I took these sermons down verbatim and include two other men

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down verbatim and include two other men are in my book but you notice that they're written in in phonetically and in dialect and I was very concerned over that when my editor down at the Texas Monthly who published this book it takes his monthly press said look we want to do him just the way you wrote them and I said well that's that was 50 years ago and that's the way you wrote black speech then but it sounds too much like Amos and Andy to suit me I'm uncomfortable with letting these things go out that way they said no we the integrity of it is the important thing and that's the way they were written and that's the way you should do them if you that's the way that should be published in your book and that's the reason they're written that way

it's the only way I could devise 50 years ago of catching the cadence in the rich folk imagery and the nuances the zest that I felt as I sat there and listen to these magnificent men with the absolute milk tonic splendor preaching in some little church it was leaning sideways down the bottoms and no one at this time you understand was collecting this material folklore collecting was not that was confined to a very academic exercise and confined to an esoteric few at the in the inter upend academic community in your book you also have a lot of stories that are not political in nature but just funnier in hell and for instance like the Ben Rutledge story yes you tell us that way they've been writers I have this imaginary town of that I created called pear orchard Texas and it's it's right there between

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right there between everybody knows where it is here in Texas it's right between El Paso and Texarkana and it's the regular Texas town and I have nine I have a nine or ten citizens that I discussed there Liz I do their parts on the stage and this one-man theater I did and Ben Rutledge I Drive in he's one of the first citizens I met there I drove into 2 power Archer too and as the edge of town I came to this little filling station grocery store and filled up to get directions down to the courthouse and it was a an unremarkable filling station grocery store there was a man leading sitting in straight-back chair pushed back against the wall dozing with his hat about half over his face and in the gravel walkway there was a little boy playing stick horse on a double-barrel shotgun ride it's a stick horse galloping up there and that was very impressive as far as I was concerned and so as I stopped at the gas pump I wasn't didn't guess this was going to ask direction this man came down in his chair I said wait no don't get up mister I just want to get directions I don't want gas you know I can give you directions heap cheaper not give you gasoline and I said well can you tell me how to get down to the courthouse yes sir I sure can tell you how to do down there you go down at their third red light and Marvin honey pop has asked you not to ride that shotgun around like that it ain't no stick holocene ain't supposed to ride it like that ain't nice little boys play with no loaded shotgun that way Corey you can't miss courthouse fire swing

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you can't miss courthouse fire swing right that Papa at Courthouse been sitting there now since 1910 Papa help bill that Papa with one the carpenter's own I say 1910 could've been 1912 or Marvin honey quit staring down the barrel of that shotgun you go blow your head off in your mama where are you at young man and I'll tell your old judge Hawkins extend you just exactly when that courthouse is built of course I don't know what you're going there for you might be going there to get you divorced or get married you can't never tell Marvin honey don't be pointing the shotgun if pop it ain't nice little boy point loaded shotguns their daddy's now you take that in the house and put it up honey I've told you Marvin baby don't be pointed at the man in the car it makes people nervous to point loaded shotguns at him yes it does what do you think he's laying down in that car like that for mr. mister don't try to drive off like that laying down that away mister mister he couldn't hit you if he wants to shoot at you mister he ain't no shot at all mister I wouldn't drive like it and when you get to that third red light it might be green that actually happened it's kind of a modified I love them I love well I love the people of Texas actually they're they're pretty good bunch of people gentleman I suspect that a lot of your egalitarian nature comes from your upbringing he buddied around a lot with with colored people as well as way you had some experiences with Snooki Bates at the nest that was daddy daddy and Mama who are pretty remarkable people I realized mama with schoolteacher and interesting me enough she's born right down here whoever built X is just 12

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down here whoever built X is just 12 miles from City Limits you know and live there and in Austin all her life which was well over half a century and so my roots ran pretty deep into this culture but they were both enlightened people my father has I said it been a sharecropper but he had learned after he grown almost read and write and then go to school went the University of Texas and got his law degree just before the turn of the century and became a very successful lawyer here in town but became a socialist in about nineteen

419 six ran for governor on the socialist ticket here in Texas they had a big so you see this is what isn't known about Texas and this is what aggravates me it's not known that Texas had a rich progressive background you know the Knights of Labor were farmed here right that populist party was a very prominent part of Texas politics and that was this is hard OB and better check and we're excited me so because they were out of that tradition they were all three born and raised in Texas yet there were three more progressive minds ever created in the United in the United States of America and those three because when I told you a minute ago that Dobie was a racist something of a racist when I first met him in the thirties he also loathed and despised Roosevelt he thought the New Deal was going to recommend we're going to give a jobs to bunch of trifling people that didn't deserve them people ought to get out and make the owner sound very much like Oh Ronnie Reagan does ma'am and like Herbert Hoover did back there he doesn't sound like a populist does it but though Dobie Dobie had that great gift that I'd like to associate with America and the United States of America the great gift of an unfettered mind the liberated mind and

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unfettered mind the liberated mind and he learned and the rot his horizons broadened and broadened by the by the month after we got to be friends and better check who was a grow I better checked was really he's so little known here in the state and yet he should be the most prominent citizens should rank up there ahead of Jim Hogg and Jimmy already was just a great great mind my god that man was a classicist a great socialist a great social thinker and a gentleman and a poet and a and a naturalist the lien did the era were close to the earth and he caught the rhythms and the sounds of the Texas earth and there wasn't a raw flower that blossomed in all the state of Texas that he couldn't identify instantly by its perfume or by its item there wasn't a wild bird that nested anywhere in Texas he couldn't identify in a twinkling this was really better check and he had a great influence on me and on doe BC he was Dobies closest friend and he and I would dispel Doby subtle Dobies reactionary and rather backward observations about race and that sort of thing and and particularly about Roosevelt because mr. better thinking I both were very fond of what the New Deal was trying to do it was from my point of view and from bed checks point of view and from daddy's point of view this is rot the American government was all about what these men had found after all a part of a part of our preamble says - - not only to establish justice insure domestic tranquility provide for the common defense promote the general welfare this is the people's servant doing its best to promote promoting it taking the responsibility for those that are not function this is what American government should be about and Roosevelt was bringing that into being well within four or five years old baby had come

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four or five years old baby had come around to our point of view and within ten years we were trying to catch up you know he was attacked during the McCarthy period he was he had this his passport denied him in 1952 he had a teaching appointment in over in Ankara American University in Accra and to the everlasting disgrace of the State Department and that terrible terrible era called the McCarthy period named for Senator McCarthy Dobie wasn't allowed he was considered a danger to the United States what a shocking thing what I wanted to say in this book one of the things I want to say is we're pretty splendid people if we recognize what makes us splendid it's not the narrow bigoted in and the reactionary that's not ever a period that we periods that we bring about do you all realize that in 1954 the first time in the history of the United States the word treason was used in political dialogue in our society to attack a political opponent most Americans don't realize that very few very few even political commentators realized that this was the first time it was ever used to describe a political opponent by McCarthy he said we'd lived under 20 years of treason and old dick Nixon echoed that you know they found that paid off in political paydirt and if you you can understand the poison of it and how had a great cost it has been to us and the American in an American society now in our society after all it cost us the Vietnam War the Watergate institutionalized secrecy in government

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institutionalized secrecy in government it had a terrible cumulative effect on our society john henry in your book also you not only have things that are you know funny and a lot of political humor and satire you have some serious stories in there too that really grip you because you catch the color of him like the poor boy who was given a orange for Christmas and it so delighted because that's the first orange well you know that's another aspect of my life that I try to get into the book is that the in I was raised out in South Austin and people from up in along Barton creaking up in the hills west of Austin that's now becomes their fashionable residential area but at that time nobody lived up there but people who chopped wood for a living of the very poorest of our society lived up there and had come down in the winter and camp along creeks below our house down about a half a mile from our home in the share best and most desolating kind of habitations or lived in lean tubes with all their children and this had a great impression on me I played with my father was very tolerant and very very sympathetic with them because he had been raised pretty much that way himself and so iris naturally moved into a role of tolerance with them they went to full more school out in South Austin and always had a faint scent of urine you know because they slept in the same clothes that they came to school in and it was a heartbreaking but that's very early on established a relationship with some that instance you're telling about I remember that's about 10 years old this little boy cold cold Christmas morning a lot of

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cold cold Christmas morning a lot of times not cold Christmas time in Texas but it was a cold frosty morning and he came running up to the house barefooted in a pair overalls from down on the creek we're left with an orange it's just I went to the door and he's standing there soaked look I told Santa Claus brung me his father had gotten it today before at a shrine Christmas tree for the poor and the needy and he said you're seen that said that ain't no real Christmas gift that's that's just the orange shoot that ain't nothing special there's little faith fail you know this is that's the only Christmas present I ever got Johnny and it stuck there like a knife I realized I said a terrible thing to that child well these experiences like that had a also a very educational affect on me also for the first time in your book I noticed that you use the medium of a blue jay as part of a little dialogue between you and yourself Lester Blue Jay that's completely g-pack yeah how did you happen to take that I'd wanted to I'd wanted to say something about the you see we but we have never done and what I realized and this was written during the Vietnam War America wasn't looking at what they were doing we in Vietnam the cost to the Vietnamese people the nape arming the gas using using poisons to the behaving in a way that Hitler would have behaved and this appalled me because I'm very proud of our society in its heritage and I felt this was a denigration and a negation of

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this was a denigration and a negation of everything that was decent about America to go over there to a fourth rate primitive country agricultural country and care the latest in death and desolation and we still haven't looked at that by the way and so in order to make a point I used this Blue Jay Lester Blue Jay that would come around taunting me about the in facility and the inhumanity that was being visited we the Vietnam War had a very profound effect on me I thought it was one of the most disastrous things that had ever happened to us brutal the brutalization of the American because we had to watch it on television see and to see our troops marching over you know burning down the homes of these people desolating their fields primitive people people that were struggling and I almost just to stay alive and we've never really stopped and examined what we did what a desolating terrible thing we did over there to those be we still have it today you know the boys that draft the Agent Orange Agent Orange award from these these chemical companies that manufactured it to go over there and spread it over that land they've won a degree of sympathy and they've also won lawsuit they're being awarded something some compensation for the suffering of themselves and their families for this Agent Orange that our own government visited on but what about the millions of Vietnamese people who had this poured on them in their homes what about the disfigured children over there today we don't even pay any mind to him it's only we never was there we still have a self-righteous pompous behavior and to think that the President

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behavior and to think that the President of the United States would say this is our it was a noble war nonsense this 10th anniversary we've just been celebrating shame on us we got better than that in us none of us have talked about what we did to them we're talking mostly about that I have a great sympathy for Vietnam veterans they did get a shabby to help they were set off to her to a desolating experience that shattered many of their lives and him not you know recovered from it yet and we did precious little for them and they have done precious little form but that's that's not to say that we didn't also visit death and desolation on those people over there and they're doing the same thing in Nicaragua and Grenada yes where it's say almost almost it's it's almost it was they'd written a scenario taking this scenario from Vietnam and running it off in Nicaragua and El Salvador now all based on this this the coming is going to get you do you know I've heard very distinguished and intelligent Americans saying you know and El Salvador if we don't stop that what is it the Sandinistas air in Nicaragua they're beyond our borders do you realize there are more people in Harris County Texas today than there are in El Salvador and these jackanapes are seeing they're about to come over a border this is a you know cousin it's not grace now he supports the president in El Salvador 100% I mean in Central American particularly in Nicaragua cousin it's not you know I'll tell you this Ronnie smaller Ronnie understands that sound an Easter crowd down there and everything going on in Nicaragua and I back him 100% do you realize the immense and Ernie stirs you read so much about

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Ernie stirs you read so much about Ronnie has read a book I read he didn't read a whole book but he read Reader's Digest where that crowd of heathens is Nicaraguans to Sandinistas ain't nothing in the world but Nicaraguans to now what does that tell us about the sand and Easter that they've had the old desk at the end filtrate there on the country this is where he infiltrates yourself they're doing it well he also believed that Grenada you know he said oh did you hear President Reagan say we got to grenadier just in time you know what he meant by that I'll tell you what he meant by that they got secret plans with em grenadier had all the plans rolled up where they were going to sweep up the Atlantic and Pacific Coast and lock us in between and every man woman child American half signed their names they'd be out of Marxist Leninist puppet all right big Katy put the cat out oh that's what that was I thank goodness for Ronnie Reagan he does all his thinking first well then that unfortunately is far more accurate and I think my dear as far as what they what was really said to justify the biggest most powerful overwhelmingly armed affluent society on the face of the earth to going to the smallest poorest island in the entire western hemisphere an island less than hundred thousand people and bogging in with six thousand eight thousand troops that they managed what they didn't there though I don't think they had over a thousand armed resistors down there dead just a few hundred and six hundred and fifty or seven hundred you've been Cuban workers on their thing then this is obscene you

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on their thing then this is obscene you see this is this is a block this isn't a matter of pride this should be a matter of deep deep embarrassment shame to the American people there's a book out you have to read that not just my book this mountain called oh it's an English journalist that was there that tells exactly what happened in Grenada have you seen it yes in Grenada uh-huh and it really is a revelation because it ain't well of course the American people have no idea what happened in Grenada because the administration to its everlasting disgrace shut the press out for three days and so that the American public knows very much is the public in any totalitarian society knows only what the government tells them they can know only what is printed in the the official word that that Washington gave you on things so we never really knew what happened and any American tells you he knew exactly what happened down in grenadiers talk to his hat John Henry I'm going to terrible dilemma here I'd like to continue talking but I made you a promise that well go write it you always been offer my so Craig listen where are you from something well I hate to admit it but I'm from New York well it's good to have you down here I wish more New York is like you'd come down here that's right help us out well John Henry thank you so much am i holding this hold it up again they're gonna sell maybe two or three well we'd like to come back again maybe all have been real sweet about it I really

appreciate it very very much other people gonna be most appreciative people have been watching I always enjoy being on this program but any rate cut Ned was telling me about what a wonderful thing it was to have Alexander Haig that profound think Iran nuclear war he said John II know the most misunderstood thing America a nuclear war

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war it's dangerous an average American don't know just how dangerous it is only person I really know that understand nuclear war is Alexander Haig you old liberals and you old weak minded pussyfoot Democrats and all such as that lay back and say well we can kill their body and rush you twenty five times that's plenty got enough nuclear bumps to blow them all off face their twenty five times and we're gonna rest on that they can't kill us but twelve times Jonnie that's where elexander Hague's great mind comes in he knows that you have a first-class all-out nuclear war and find out them Russians has secretly slipped around and can kill us 30 times and we still stuck back at 25 that's what the next war is going to be about it'll be too late to go round and apologize to elexander Haig then he won't even speak to you then and I jumped him the other day already he you know he jumped me he said Johnny I know you hear what there's old students out the university of doing their protest in that Grenadier war down there that Ronnie's trying to run it's just disgusting they get out there and they start that protesting business and protesting business I think they just ought to do something to him I said no wait a minute cousin ed don't you believe in the right to dissent of course I believe in the right to dissent I'd knock a man's teeth down his throat that didn't fear my right to defend Ronnie believes in the right to dissent what him and me try to put a stop to is this criticism

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criticize criticize criticize why can't they leave Ronald Reagan alone let him fight his Wars in peace they want to criticize somebody let him go down there and criticize Oh Castro in that crowd of heathens Johnny we got there two Grenadier just in time oh my god you don't understand what was going on Ronny does though do you know that bunch of Rascals down there was planning to attack us any morning they've got us pinned in here between the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic Circle and going to come a sweeping in here like a dose of salts through a widow woman throwing guns down on us all of us and making us sign our names to test papers and such as that that we come that will be Marxist Leninist err they won't let us up again I'll tell you ronnie has just saved America that's what he's done from an invasion of them rascal I asked a friend of mine it's a great champion of the Reagan administration to explain Ronald Reagan's foreign policy to me and he said oh I'm glad you asked me then let me tell you something honey it's just as clear and simple as you please it's easy to understand John power senator Tower explained it to me the other day Johnny hits this way I can tell you to you because I can discuss it honestly you know Ronald Reagan loves the truth and I love the truth and I love to tell it in a plain English the language the Holy Bible was wrote in the language that old mother of mine spoke I sometimes think that Almighty and his divine wisdom when he saw fit to create his most perfect work here on earth selected Lone Star State of Texas is

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selected Lone Star State of Texas is paradise over and he came to this Garden of Eden on earth Travis County Texas and he caught the goal from the Texas sunrise and he caught the sweetest note from the throat of the Texas talking bird our state bird and he caught perfume of the Texas Bluebonnet our state fly and he compounded it molded it all together into that quintessence of sweetness and that epitome of all virtue and goodness my mother when that Sun that's what Ronald Reagan's foreign program is all about and if you don't understand it fully I'll explain it further her old man Tom Taylor said Johnny the trouble with the world today are that we have gone and invented a way of wiping ourselves off the globe and we'd done it before we invented a way to stop ourselves from doing it this is right where we are today there is no alternative to peace when Theo Graham stands up and says I represent the best interest of the people of the sixth congressional district it's about like a bigger hole possibly enough in a henhouse claiming I represent the poultry buns Association in this section what is happening in Austin Texas is these brutal manipulating

money corporations they're not people you understand a corporation isn't a person as people on Jefferson said it has no it has no heart to field or know behind the kick well a corporation there's a faceless like that lives entirely for profit and it can't consider the human

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profit and it can't consider the human factor involved as it greedily devours the earth as it destroys the society well John Henry I thank the people in Austin run him out you know and we let him come to Madison feel that is our second mistake but somebody had to take him in and a junior a pardon told him he had a good lake over and he'd make him manager this lake and he said well he'd never seen the lake need somebody it fish it over I pretty regular show me around and so I was the one that was elected to go with him to the leg I carried him over fishing one day is in the spring of the year and these water marks that just come out you know and laying his little brother latrines grow out over the lake now big old boxes laying up in under there and John in was sitting on the middle and I was running the boat and I run it up in understand with him bushes and there's old watermarks and fell out in the boat when the Dear John had to come way out there and I just stepped out of the boat and headed for the land he hauled away free monster don't leave me here with his mate I said well Johnny a new this is that time you heard about when three's a crowd John him John n was always involved in something when he seems somebody being mistreated or seen some big corporation trying to force some little man into something that he didn't think was right with John Henry was up taking his side and he he's always been for the working man when Henry is a real friend house in Leon County we were in trouble here about two and a half years ago with this nuclear waste storage here in the on County John Henry came came up stood up

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County John Henry came came up stood up with us called against the scoop relays to in Leon County and also he went to Austin with us to fight with us and fortunately we were able to have a bill passed and Austin made some strong restrictions on the nuclear waste at this time we don't wit up we don't have the you have to waste here but we felt like the fight is still on and and I feel like that John Henry will continue fight with us won't call him you bet I think John Henry wouldn't make a good congressman I said new because he he's always taking up and fighting somebody to battle for helping them he'll I have owned several occasions seen John Henry help people and when he didn't have the time I've heard him say didn't hear the time meeting his home with me had got phone call people wanting to help him do something he would talk to him and tell him he'd help him and after that hanging up he said more artists you don't have the time to do that but sit down said I've just got to help them let it boil sit up so that I feel like I'd kind of man that that will take his time and not doing what he really should be doing to benefit itself but he'll going help he'll help another man rather than race doing herself miss I don't know what will be the results but I'll always feel good about what I did I've done I've said to the people but I wanted to say to a mo never issue that I felt was in part and under seven six congressional district being all paid for this is a comment I'm very sad commentary on our society to understand

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commentary on our society to understand that there was a round a hundred thousand people over 65 in the 6th congressional district and at least half of them and this is the heartbreaking thing depended on Social Security for their sole income this was their survival and they're literally terrified

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